

15. The display of claim 13, wherein the display has an appearance of dark pixels on a diffusely lit background under both ambient lighting conditions and supplemental lighting conditions.

16. The display of claim 9, further comprising a diffusing element disposed between the reflective polarizer and the rear dichroic polarizer.

17. The display of claim 16, wherein the diffusing element substantially maintains the polarization of light reflected by the reflective polarizer.

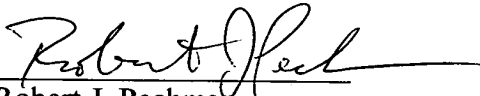
Remarks

Claims 9-17 are a reproduction of the claims finally rejected in the parent of the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,488 to Ouderkirk. By virtue of the present amendment, and without acquiescing in the 102(e) rejection, Applicants have claimed 35 U.S.C. 120 priority back to U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,488 as a continuation-in-part, thereby rendering the 102(e) rejection moot.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 9-17 are in condition for allowance and request early indication of the same.

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